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101 Executive Center Drive
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RE: Application of Southland Utilities, Inc. for adjustment of rates and charges for the provision of water service; Docket No. 2007-244-W

Dear Mr. Terreni:

Enclosed for filing are the original and five (5) copies of the Affidavit of Publication and the Affidavit of Mailing, in the above-referenced matter. By copy of this letter, I am serving a copy of these documents upon all parties of record and enclose a Certificate of Service to that effect.

I would appreciate your acknowledging receipt of these documents by date-stamping the extra copies that are enclosed and returning them to me via our courier.

If you have any questions or if you need any additional information, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Sincerely,

WILLOUGHBY & HOEFER, P.A.



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cc: Nanette S. Edwards, Esquire
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NOTICE OF FILING AND HEARING

DOCKET NO. 2007-244-W

SOUTHLAND UTILITIES, INC. - APPLICATION FOR ADJUSTMENT OF RATES AND CHARGES FOR THE PROVISION OF WATER SERVICE

Southland Utilities, Inc. (Southland or the Company) has filed an Application with the Public Service Commission of South Carolina (the Commission) for an adjustment of the Company's rates and charges and modification of certain terms and conditions for the provision of water service. Southland is a public utility, as defined by S.C. Code Ann. § 58-5-10(3) (Supp. 2006), providing water service to the public for compensation in certain areas of South Carolina pursuant to rates approved by the Commission in Docket No. 90-551-W.

Pursuant to S.C. Code Ann. § 58-5-240 (Supp. 2006) and 26 S.C. Code Ann. Regs. 103-712.4.A (1976, as amended), the Company requests that the Commission approve an increase in its monthly water service rates. Also, pursuant to 26 S.C. Code Ann. Regs. R. 103-703, Southland proposes a modification to the terms and conditions under which a tenant will be billed for water services to comport with current S.C. Code Ann. § 27-33-50 (Supp. 2006). Additionally, the Company proposes to add language requiring its customers to conduct cross connection testing and to add a charge for same if such inspections are undertaken by the Company to meet the requirements of 24A S.C. Code Ann. Regs. 61-58.7 F.B (Supp. 2006). The Company proposes to delete certain provisions pertaining to payments by persons making contributions in aid of construction and to modify provisions dealing with single family equivalents to incorporate the pertinent regulation of the South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control ("DHEC") in lieu of the current table or ratings.

In support of its request for an adjustment in the Company's water rates, terms and conditions Southland asserts, among other things, that the proposed water rate increases are necessary in order that it may provide reasonable and adequate service to its customers, comply with standards and regulations set by DHEC and other governmental agencies which regulate the environmental aspects of the Company's business, and earn a reasonable return on its investment and attract capital for future improvements. The Company also asserts that the proposed water rate increases are necessary to preserve its financial integrity and to permit continued investment in and maintenance of its facilities so as to provide reliable and high quality services.

THE PROPOSED CHANGES IN THE RATES AND CHARGES ARE SET FORTH BELOW

(The complete rate schedule is available from the Company at the address below and on the Commission's website at www.psc.sc.gov)

Monthly Charges	WATER	
	Current	Proposed
<u>Residential (per single family house, condominium, mobile home, apartment unit)</u>		
Basic Facilities Charge	\$7.00 per unit	\$21.79 per unit
Commodity Charge	\$2.60 per 1,000 gallons	\$8.09 per 1,000 gallons or 134 cft
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A copy of the Company's Application can be obtained from the Commission at the following address: Public Service Commission of South Carolina, Docketing Department, P.O. Drawer 11649, Columbia, South Carolina 29211. Additionally, Southland's Application is available on the Commission's website at www.psc.sc.gov.

In order for testimony and evidence to be received from all interested parties, a public hearing will be held in the Commission's Hearing Room, Synergy Business Park, 101 Executive Center Dr., Columbia, S.C. on Thursday, October 18, 2007, at 10:30 a.m.

Any person who wishes to participate in this matter, as a party of record with the right of cross-examination should file a Petition to Intervene in accordance with the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure, on or before August 3, 2007, and indicate the amount of time required for his presentation. Please include an email address for receipt of future Commission correspondence in the Petition to Intervene. Please refer to Docket No. 2007-244-W.

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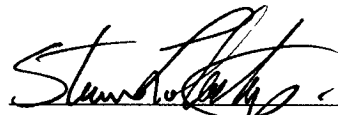
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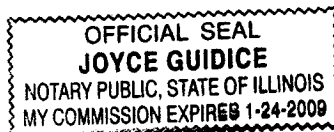
Personally appeared before me, Steven M. Lubertozi, who after being duly sworn, deposes and states as follows: I am the above-referenced Applicant's Chief Financial Officer. I caused to be mailed on the 11th day of July, 2007, via First Class Mail, to all affected customers of the Applicant at the customer addresses maintained in the company's billing records, one copy of the attached Notice of Filing and Hearing in the above-captioned matter.


Steven M. Lubertozi

SWORN TO AND SUBSCRIBED BEFORE ME

This 11th day of July, 2007

Joyce Guidice
Notary Public for Illinois
My Commission Expires: 1/24/09



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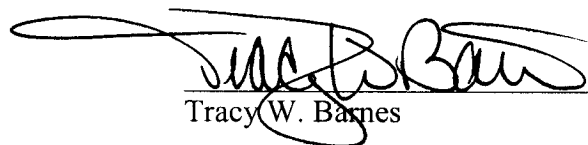
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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

This is to certify that I have caused to be served this day one (1) copy of the **Affidavit of Publication and the Affidavit of Mailing** by placing same in the care and custody of the United States Postal Service with first class postage affixed thereto and addressed as follows:

Nanette S. Edwards, Esquire
Deputy General Counsel
South Carolina Office of Regulatory Staff
Post Office Box 11263
Columbia, South Carolina 29211

Shealy B. Reibold, Esquire
Office of Regulatory Staff
Post Office Box 11263
Columbia, South Carolina 29211


Tracy W. Barnes

Columbia, South Carolina
This 25th day of July, 2007.